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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MIYAJIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Tuan T Dinh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of Embodiment I (Figures 1-12, claims 1-4, and 7-12) in Paper No. 4 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 7, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kledzik et al. (U. S. Patent 6,313,998) in view of Hernandez et al. (reference cited by applicant).

Kledzik discloses a printed wiring board unit as shown in figures 1-10 comprising:
a first component (104L, column 4, line 33) is mounted on a printed wiring board (101, column 4, line 22);
an auxiliary substrate (105, column 4, line 37) for hierarchical mounting is mounted next to the mounted first component (104L) on the printed wiring board (101);

a second component (104U) is mounted above the first component, the second component being supported on the auxiliary substrate for hierarchical mounting with terminals of the second component being connected thereto; and

the auxiliary substrate (105) having a frame like shape for hierarchical mounting has component pads (110, column 4, line 57) on an upper surface (111, column 4, line 57) thereof and printed wiring board pads (109, column 4, line 56) on a lower surface thereof, the component pads (110) being connected to the terminals (107U) of the second component (104U), the printed wiring board pads (109) being connected to pads (103) on the printed wiring board (101), the component pads (110) and the printed wiring board pads (109) being electrically connected, the printed wiring board pads being more dispersed than the component pads.

Kledzik does not disclose the second component is larger in size than the first component.

Herandez shows a second component (IC die 24) is larger in size than a first component (capacitor 52).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a second component is larger than a first component as taught by Herandez to employ the printed circuit board unit of Kledzik for purpose of limiting space of stacked chip modules mounted on a printed circuit board.

4. Claims 2-4, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kledzik in view of Hernandez and further in view of Stearns et al. (U. S. Patent 6,160,705).

Kledzik and Hernandez disclose all of the limitation of the claimed invention, except for the auxiliary substrate having ground and power supply layers inside.

Stearns teaches a substrate (10-figure 2) having ground and power supply layers (18, 20) inside.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use ground and power supply layers as taught by Stearns to employ the PCB unit of Kledzik and Hernandez in order to provide ground and power electrical connection of a substrate and IC chip device.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Clifton and Carson et al. disclose related art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T Dinh whose telephone number is 703-306-5856. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

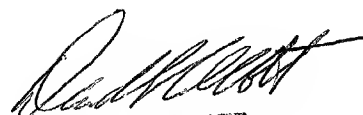
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Talbott can be reached on 703-305-9883. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-1341 for regular communications and 703-305-1341 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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